

JACKIE RICE



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I'M
SORRY, YOUR
DAUGHTER?







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SALLY?







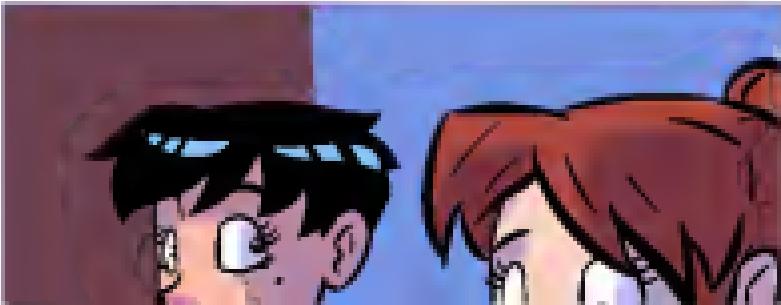




THEY'VE
BEEN IN THERE
A REALLY LONG
TIME.



MAYBE
THAT'S A
GOOD
THING.





I MEAN,
THERE HAVEN'T
BEEN ANY GUN
SHOTS. THAT'S
A POSITIVE.



I WANTED
HER TO DO THIS.



AND NOW THAT IT'S
HAPPENING, I'M TERRIFIED.
WHAT IF HE HATES HER?
WHAT IF HE TRIES TO
KEEP ME FROM EVER
SEEING HER
AGAIN?



SIXTEEN
YEARS... I DIDN'T
EVEN KNOW YOUR
REAL NAME!



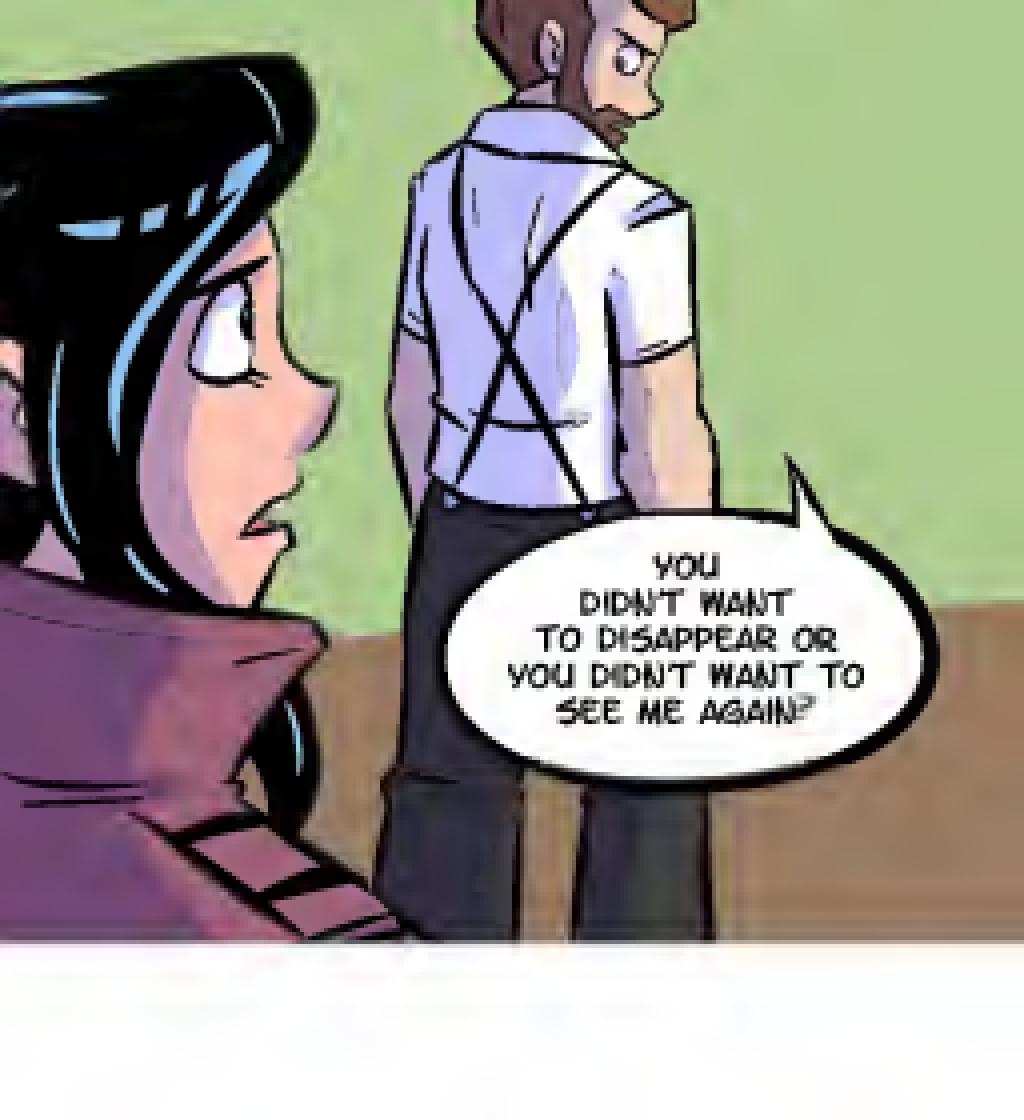
MOLLY
BLACKBURN
WAS JUST IN MY
HOUSE, TRYING TO
KILL MY DAUGHTER!
WAS THAT BECAUSE
OF YOU?

...
NOT
DIRECTLY.





I DIDN'T
WANT THIS,
JAMES.



YOU
DIDN'T WANT
TO DISAPPEAR OR
YOU DIDN'T WANT TO
SEE ME AGAIN?



WHAT ELSE
COULD I HAVE
DONE? THEY WOULD
HAVE KILLED YOU,
KILLED JACKIE.

YOU
COULD HAVE
TOLD ME!

YOU
WOULD HAVE
FOLLOWED ME,
TRIED TO STOP
ME.

YOU'RE
DAMN RIGHT
I WOULD
HAVE.







SO I
MARRIED A
PIRATE,
HUH?



EX
PIRATE,
TECHNICALLY.
AT THE TIME.
TECHNICALLY I'M
AN EX PIRATE
AGAIN, I
GUESS.

HOW
DID YOU
KNOW TO
COME HERE?





I GOT
A CALL ...
WE SORT
OF HAVE THE
SAME BOSS
NOW.

NOT AFTER
I KILL HIM FOR
SETTING THIS
UP.

I
WON'T
STOP
YOU.

A woman with dark hair tied back, wearing a purple jacket over a yellow top and blue jeans, stands in a field. She is facing a man with brown hair and a beard, who is only partially visible on the right. Two large, black-outlined speech bubbles are positioned between them. The woman's bubble contains the text 'I DONT HAVE TO BE IN YOUR LIFE, JAMES, IF YOU DONT WANT. YOU DONT DESERVE THIS.' The man's bubble contains 'YOU DIDNT ASK FOR ANY OF IT. I CAN JUST DISAPPEAR AGAIN AND LET YOU—'.

I DONT
HAVE TO BE
IN YOUR LIFE,
JAMES, IF YOU DONT
WANT. YOU DONT
DESERVE THIS.

YOU
DIDNT ASK
FOR ANY OF IT.
I CAN JUST
DISAPPEAR
AGAIN AND
LET YOU—



I NEVER
REMARRIED

I TRIED
DATING ONCE,
BUT IT WAS
TERRIBLE.

I GUESS
IN HINDSIGHT
SHE JUST WASN'T
DANGEROUS ENOUGH
FOR ME.



I KNEW
JACKIE DESERVED
TO HAVE A MOTHER
IN HER LIFE, BUT I
COULDNT REPLACE
YOU. I DIDNT
HAVE IT IN
ME.



DON'T
YOU EVER
DISAPPEAR
AGAIN.







IM
STILL MAD
AT YOU.



THAT'S
FAIR.





